

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2281–2291; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 129–132, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Report on the Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–215);

H. Res. 201, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–216).

Conference report on H.R. 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (H. Rept. 105–217).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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DOD Appropriations: By a yea and nay vote of 322 yeas to 105 nays, Roll No. 338, the House passed H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Agreed To:

The DeFazio amendment that increases Defense Wide RDT&E funding for the DOD/VA cooperative research program by \$15 million and reduces Defense Wide O&M funding accordingly;

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The Sanders amendment that increases Defense Wide O&M funding for the National Guard Starbase program by \$2 million and reduces Air Force RDT&E funding accordingly;

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The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that all NATO members should contribute their proportionate share of the costs of the Partnership for Peace program and that no funds may be used for NATO expansion not authorized by law;

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The Solomon amendment that prohibits any funds to be obligated or expended to contractors that have not submitted the most recent report set forth in subsection (d) of section 4212 of title 38, United States Code concerning the hiring of veterans;

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The Obey amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to approve or license the sale of F–22 advanced tactical fighter to any foreign government;

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The Coburn amendment that prohibits any funds to be made available for the United States Man and the Biosphere program, or related projects; and

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that prohibits any funds for the Department of Defense specimen repository to be used for any purpose except as specified by existing Department of Defense policy.

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Rejected:

The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Air Force Aircraft Procurement funding by \$331 million for the production of 9 B–2 bombers and increase National Guard and Reserve Equipment funding by \$105 million for Air National Guard KC–135 aircraft, increase Defense Health Program funding by \$12 million for the Army breast cancer research program, and apply \$202 million toward deficit reduction (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 336);

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The Nadler amendment that sought to reduce Air Force RDT&E funding for the F–22 fighter aircraft program by \$420 million;

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The Filner amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to transfer Marine Corps helicopters located at El Toro and Tustin Marine Corps Bases to Miramar Naval Air Station, California; and

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The Shays amendment that sought to limit new budget authority to the FY 1997 level resulting in an overall reduction of \$3.8 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 137 yeas to 290 noes, Roll No. 337).

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Withdrawn:

The Clayton amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to authorize the Secretary of the Army to reimburse military members, deployed in support of Bosnian operations, for expenses incurred in the shipment of personal items to or from Europe; and

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The Maloney of New York amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to provide \$1 million to provide statistics on sexual assault in the military.

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House today.

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Agreed to H. Res. 198, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Monday, July 28:

Violent Crimes by Repeat Offenders: H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should work more aggressively to attack the problem of violent crimes committed by repeat offenders and criminals serving abbreviated sentences (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 400 yeas to 24 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 339); and

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Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997: H.R. 1348, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to war crimes (passed by a ye and nay vote of 391 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 340).

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Presidential Message—Arctic Research Plan: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his fifth biennial revision (1998–2002) to the United States Arctic Research Plan—referred to the Committee on Science.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5926.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6026–27.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5965, H5982–83, H5983, H5984, and H5984–85. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30.

Committee Meetings

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Began markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

Committee recessed subject to call.

OVERSIGHT—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held an oversight hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Hove, Acting Chairman, FDIC; Shirlee P. Bowne, Vice Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller; and

Nicolas P. Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Alice M. Rivlin, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Thomas J. McCool, Economist/Associate Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT WASTE-SITE CLEAN-UP CONTRACTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Federico F. Peña, Secretary; and John M. Wilcynski, Manager, Operations Office; and public witnesses.

VIDEO COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Video Competition: The Status of Competition Among Video Delivery Systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning concluded hearings on H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, with emphasis on System Modernization efforts at the Department of Education and Accreditation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary; and Thomas Bloom, Inspector General; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Information Resources Management Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing of Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Testimony was heard from Representatives Holden, Mink of Hawaii, Hinchey, Hunter, and Redmond; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATISTICAL PROPOSALS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing of Statistical Proposals. Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and